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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



MILITARY GRANTING MORE FELONY WAIVERS

By Dave Moniz, USA Today

The Army and Navy are accepting more recruits who've been charged with felony crimes, military records show. The Army saw the number of recruits with felony arrests in their backgrounds rise from 166 in 1998 to 357 so far this year. The military's 2000 recruiting year does not end until Sept. 30, so the Army's felony numbers are likely to climb.

Navy recruits who had been arrested for felonies rose from

47 in 1998 to 165 last year. So far this year, the Navy has recruited 131 sailors who were charged with felony offenses.

Both services question a recruit's fitness for enlistment even if an arrest did not end in conviction and in some cases even if there are no charges filed.

The services can grant waivers, written exceptions to their rules, for recruits who committed some felonies and misdemeanors. Each branch sets its own rules regarding which offenses require waivers.

The numbers of felony waivers granted by the services are less than 1% of all recruits. But some experts believe the recent rise is another indicator of the declining quality of the force. They see a slippery slope where the Pentagon is lowering standards to meet recruiting targets in the midst of unprecedented economic prosperity.

"There's a direct correlation to the squeeze in the services not being able to get their recruiting numbers," says Clyde Slick, a retired Marine Corps recruiting commander. "You look to where you can expand your market. The easiest way is to grant more waivers."

PIPE BRAZING



HT2 Jesse Buchanan of R Division brazes a cooling water pipe for RADAR equipment for the forward NATO Sea Sparrow launcher. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

NATIONAL NEWS

SANDRA FIELDMAN PROPOSES EXTRA YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL *By New York Times*

Worried that the new academic standards required for a diploma in many states are impossible for hundreds of thousands of today's students to meet, the president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) plans to propose Monday that schools add an optional year to high school.

In her speech as the union opens its biennial convention here, Sandra Feldman, the AFT president, will call for a "transitional-year" program, either before ninth grade or in high school, in which adult-literacy specialists would help teen-agers lacking basic skills catch up so they could confront more challenging course work.

She will suggest that the country's educators borrow ideas from the military, which she said has successfully trained even illiterate youth.

'PERFECT STORM' WINS AT BOX OFFICE LEAVING 'THE PATRIOT' 2ND *By New York Times*

Despite predictions of a neck-and-neck race for the Independence Day weekend box office between a pair of big-studio behemoths, it turned out to be not much of a race at all. "The Perfect Storm" blew away "The Patriot," earning an estimated \$41.7 million since its Friday opening, compared with \$21.6 million for its rival, a Revolutionary War epic.

The third major opening of the weekend, the family-oriented "Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle," registered barely a blip, earning just \$6.6 million and ending up in fifth place behind the animated "Chicken Run," with \$12.8 million, and the Jim Carrey comedy "Me, Myself and Irene," with \$12 million.

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WEDNESDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
1100 RAIDER'S OF THE LOST ARK
1630 ER
1730 JEOPARDY
1800 SCREAM 2
2100 THE BASE
2240 WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT

CHANNEL 6

1030 MOESHA
1100 SPIES LIKE US
1630 SOLDIER
1800 DANGEROUS BEAUTY
2100 HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL
2240 187

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

N A T I O N A L / I N T E R N A T I O N A L N E W S

IN CHICAGO, TV NEWS GOES BACK TO BASICS

By Jim Rutenberg

Something strange has happened to the 10 p.m. newscast on Chicago's Channel 2, WBBM-TV. It was in February that the health correspondent, Dr. Michael Breen, stopped doing nightly health reports with titles like "Potentially Deadly Fruit" (grapefruit) and "The Secret to a Good Sex Life" (exercise), to focus on topics like risks associated with early prostate cancer screening (unnecessary treatment).

One night last month, when the other local newscasts opened with live reports from a neighborhood where the power had briefly gone out, WBBM devoted most of its early minutes to an accord between the Environmental Protection Agency and chemical manufacturers' limiting the use of a dangerous insecticide.

In short, the management at WBBM-TV has thrown out the local news playbook of pizazz and sensationalism used at TV stations throughout the country and replaced it with an on-air clinic in no-frills journalism. And if there is a gimmick in all of this, it is that there is no gimmick. For Channel 2, the CBS-owned station in Chicago, the restructured news program represents not so much a bold move in journalism as an attempt to increase revenue and crawl out of last place in its local news market.

"I think we had lost our way, and we disappointed a lot of people who counted on us," Carol Marin, the program's anchor, said in an interview at her Chicago office.

"We stopped telling you things that were particularly important and started just telling you anything that we thought maybe offered you a little bit of eye candy."

LEBANON-ISRAEL BORDER IS DRAWING TOURISTS, MONEY

By John Kifner

It was a fine, sunny day Sunday and thousands of people flocked to Lebanon's newest tourist attraction, the barbed wire fence at the new, official border with Israel, for a stroll with the kids, a chance to pose for pictures and videos or even throw a stone or two in the general direction of the Israelis.

By late morning, festive flag-bedecked cars and buses jammed the narrow roads, pock-marked by artillery, that wind through the steep stony hills of the strip of southern Lebanon that Israel and its proxy militia had occupied for more than two decades.

Along the way from Beirut, many of the village squares were decorated with broken-down armored cars or old artillery pieces, now plastered with Hezbollah posters, left behind when the South Lebanese Army, the Israeli-sponsored militia, fled in the wake of Israel's abrupt pullout in May.

Hezbollah baseball caps in yellow, red or blue were selling for two U.S. dollars, the preferred currency. There were small yellow Hezbollah flags for \$2, bigger ones for \$3, along with T-shirts, key chains, recordings and other knickknacks.

CONGRATULATIONS ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST

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AD2(AW/NAC) Alexander Mendez
EW2 Felicia R. Bolognone
MM2 Brenda Pinson
FC3 Kenyatta M. Abram



Revolutionary Gator Of The Day



IS3 Norman B. Tyler
Operations department,
OZ Division

Hometown: Nacogdoches, Texas

Qualifications: Intelligence Analyst/EXPLOT Watchstander

Petty Officer Tyler always projects a positive, upbeat attitude regardless of task or job assignment. Although he's been on board for just over seven months, he has consistently demonstrated his determination to become an outstanding Intelligence Specialist and Sailor. Using his time wisely throughout the deployment to study information publications and reference documents, he has become a resident authority on Pacific Regional Navies. His nightly research contributions to the daily Intelligence Brief have been invaluable and his talented briefing ability has been commended by not only JIC personnel, but CIC watch personnel as well. He has quickly established himself as an integral part of the Intelligence team on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD.

BEGAY WINS GREATER HARTFORD

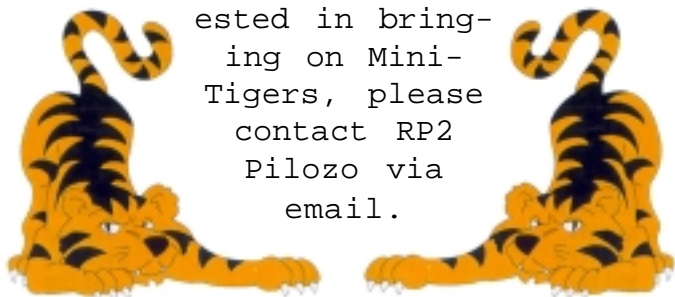
By Jack Cavanaugh

Notah Begay III accomplished something Sunday that not even his former Stanford teammate Tiger Woods has done this year on the PGA Tour. With a dramatic 23-foot birdie putt at the 18th hole, Begay won the Greater Hartford Open to become the first player to win tournaments in consecutive weeks this year.

It was Begay's fourth victory in less than two years on the PGA Tour and followed his one-stroke triumph a week ago at the St. Jude Classic in Memphis. Begay's 4-under-par 64 gave him a 20-under-par 260 over all.

MINI-TIGER CRUISE NOTE

The ship will have a Mini-Tiger Cruise from 23 to 24 of July. Mini-Tigers will embark the ship via LCU's out of Camp Pendleton on the 23rd and will ride the ship to San Diego. The same eligibility requirements for our extended Tiger Cruise apply to the Mini-Tiger Cruise. If you are interested in bringing on Mini-Tigers, please contact RP2 Pilozo via email.



SPORTS

BRAVES SPLIT SERIES BY POUNDING METS

By Tyler Kepner

The New York Mets will meet the Atlanta Braves in less than three weeks, and perhaps by then the standings will have changed. On Monday, it is the same as it was when the first-place Braves came to town.

The Braves won Sunday at Shea Stadium, 10-2, to split the four-game series and maintain their two-game lead over the Mets in the National League East.

There were not many positives Sunday for the Mets, who were humbled by Tom Glavine. Mets starter Glendon Rusch allowed 13 hits and 7 runs. The best thing that happened for the Mets was probably when John Rocker boarded the Braves' team bus and left Shea. One and all were relieved to be done with that story.

"We had to deal with a lot of nonsense that wasn't part of the game at all," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. Mike Piazza and Todd Zeile hit consecutive home runs in the seventh, but those were the only runs allowed by Glavine (8-5). He pitched seven innings, allowing five hits and one walk.

Other NL scores:

Florida	2	Montreal	1
Philadelphia	9	Pittsburgh	1
Milwaukee	4	Chicago Cubs	2
Houston	6	St. Louis	3
Cincinnati	14	Arizona	3
Colorado	3	San Diego	2

IRWIN TAKES U.S. SENIOR OPEN

By Michael Arkush

Hale Irwin turned 55 last month, which is about the age at which golfers on the Senior PGA Tour are supposed to begin their decline.

Irwin must be an exception. Instead of hitting a wall, he shot a second consecutive 6-under-par 65 at Saucon Valley Country Club Sunday to win his second U.S. Senior Open championship in three years, outdueling the overnight leader, Bruce Fleisher.

Thanks to a bogey by Fleisher on the first hole, Irwin wasted no time in overcoming a two-stroke deficit.

YANKEES GET LIFT FROM JUSTICE

By New York Times

David Justice had his first hit with the Yankees Sunday and drove in two runs as they completed a turbulent 13-game trip by beating Tampa Bay, 5-2.

Roger Clemens was activated from the disabled list and pitched efficiently and effectively, allowing three hits, two walks and a run over seven innings.

Justice pulled a single to right-center in the second inning, driving home Bernie Williams for the first run, and with the bases loaded in the third, he hit a sharp grounder to first, enabling Derek Jeter to cross the plate with the Yankees' third run.

AL scores:

Cleveland	7	Minnesota	1
Baltimore	3	Toronto	2
Detroit	2	Kansas City	0
Chi. White Sox	8	Boston	2

DAPA CORNER...

HERE ARE THE STRAIGHT FACTS...

About Hallucinogens

Hallucinogenic drugs are substances that distort the perception of objective reality. The most well-known hallucinogens include phencyclidine, otherwise known as PCP, angel dust, or loveboat; lysergic acid diethylamide, commonly known as LSD or acid; mescaline and peyote; and psilocybin, or "magic" mushrooms.

Under the influence of hallucinogens, the senses of direction, distance, and time become disoriented. These drugs can produce unpredictable, erratic, and violent behavior in users that sometimes leads to serious injuries and death. The effect of hallucinogens can last for 12 hours.

LSD produces tolerance, so that users who take the drug repeatedly must take higher and higher doses in order to achieve the same state of intoxication. This is extremely dangerous, given the unpredictability of the drug, and can result in increased risk of convulsions, coma, heart and lung failure, and even death.

Physical risks associated with using hallucinogens:

- increased heart rate and blood pressure
- sleeplessness and tremors
- lack of muscular coordination
- sparse, mangled, and incoherent speech
- decreased awareness of touch and pain that can result in self-inflicted injuries
- convulsions
- coma
- heart and lung failure

Psychological risks associated with using hallucinogens:

- a sense of distance and estrangement
- depression, anxiety, and paranoia
- violent behavior
- confusion, suspicion, and loss of control
- flashbacks
- behavior similar to schizophrenic psychosis
- catatonic syndrome whereby the user becomes mute, lethargic, disoriented, and makes meaningless repetitive movements

Everyone reacts differently to hallucinogens—there's no way to predict if you can avoid a "bad trip."

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About Inhalants

Inhalants refer to substances that are sniffed or huffed to give the user an immediate head rush or high. They include a diverse group of chemicals that are found in consumer products such as aerosols and cleaning solvents. Inhalant use can cause a number of physical and emotional problems, and even one-time use can result in death.

Using inhalants even one time can put you at risk for:

- sudden death
- suffocation
- visual hallucinations and severe mood swings
- numbness and tingling of the hands and feet

Prolonged use can result in:

- headache, muscle weakness, abdominal pain
- decrease or loss of sense of smell
- nausea and nosebleeds
- hepatitis
- violent behaviors
- irregular heartbeat
- liver, lung, and kidney impairment

- irreversible brain damage
- nervous system damage
- dangerous chemical imbalances in the body
- involuntary passing of urine and feces

Short-term effects of inhalants include:

- heart palpitations
- breathing difficulty
- dizziness
- headaches

Remember, using inhalants, even one time, can kill you. According to medical experts, death can occur in at least five ways:

1. asphyxia—solvent gases can significantly limit available oxygen in the air, causing breathing to stop;
2. suffocation—typically seen with inhalant users who use bags;
3. choking on vomit;
4. careless behaviors in potentially dangerous settings; and
5. sudden sniffing death syndrome, presumably from cardiac arrest.